

CLAIMS

1. A card holding structure in a portable terminal apparatus, for fitting a card by sliding and for holding the card, comprising:

5 a card connector fixed in a card fitting portion provided inside a housing of the portable terminal apparatus; a holding portion provided in a front portion, as viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector, and holding a front portion of the card; and

10 an inner wall surface of a cover for the housing of the portable terminal apparatus, said inner wall surface holding a rear portion of the card.

2. The card holding structure according to claim 1, wherein said card connector has two sets of contact portions
15 which are respectively disposed at forward and rearward positions in the card sliding direction, so as to establish electrical contact with the card.

3. The card holding structure according to claim 1, wherein the card fitting portion includes a recessed portion
20 recessed in an inner surface of the housing, and a sliding movement of the card is guided by side wall surfaces of the recessed portion.

4. The card holding structure according to claim 3, wherein the card fitting portion includes a housing-side
25 stopper formed by a resilient piece having an end fixed to the card fitting portion.

5. The card holding structure according to claim 4, wherein a tip portion of the housing-side stopper is directed toward a direction perpendicular to the card sliding direction.

6. The card holding structure according to claim 1,
5 wherein the cover serves as a battery housing.

7. The card holding structure according to claim 1, wherein the cover includes a cover-side stopper projecting toward the card fitting portion.

8. The card holding structure according to claim 7,
10 wherein the cover-side stopper prevents the card from coming off rearward in the card sliding direction.

9. The card holding structure according to claim 7, wherein the cover-side stopper presses the card at a position above a contact portion of the card.

10. The card holding structure according to claim 7,
15 wherein the cover-side stopper is disposed in a region opposing the cutout provided at a corner of the card.

11. A portable terminal apparatus comprising:

a housing including a card connector into which a card
20 is slidably fitted and is held, the card connector including a holding portion provided in a front portion, as viewed in a card sliding direction, of the card connector;

a cover engaging said housing and including a pressing portion provided on an inner wall surface thereof so as to press
25 a rear portion of the card.